



District 10 Newsletter

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A Note From Council President Jim King

I'm pleased to bring you this newsletter as my current report about what's going on in District 10 and Metro Louisville.

Since my fall newsletter, I have been re-elected by the full Metro Council as president for my third one year term. I am the only Council member to serve more than one term as president and I believe District 10 directly benefits from my leadership roles on the Council.

In the last few months, we've reinvented Emerson Gardens Park with a new gazebo/bandstand, we solved drainage issues with a new Rain Garden, poured sidewalks, landscaped and paved streets and attacked crime.

I hope you are pleased with my service to you. I enjoy serving you!

I also want to express my gratitude for being named Jefferson Community and Technical College's Distinguished Alumnus for 2012. I am truly honored and proud to call myself a graduate of that school leading to my Bachelor's degree at U of L and ultimately becoming a CPA.

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Louisville Orchestra Returns

As I am sure you are aware, the Louisville Orchestra had a 20-month labor dispute. Promoting the arts has always been a priority of mine and I am pleased I was able to assist the Louisville Orchestra musicians and board of directors to reach an agreement designed to bring symphony music back to Louisville.

Bill Lamb of WDRB offered his "Point of View" on the issue by stating, "King is a guy who has long supported the arts in general and the Orchestra in particular. He is also the President of the Metro Council and has the trust and support of the unions. He was probably the best person who could have stepped into the talks because he has credibility with both sides."

I was happy to play my part and I am looking forward to the Orchestra's return to excellence.



To Be or Not to Be? I Say Be!

In keeping with my commitment to the arts, I am happy to highlight my affiliation with the Kentucky Shakespeare group. Kentucky Shakespeare strives to convey the excitement and ingenuity that lived in the mind of the brilliant playwright by producing inspired performances and offering unique learning opportunities for actors and educators. Their mission is to make the arts accessible to students across the region.



In March, I did my part by pledging funds that led directly to productions of "Romeo and Juliet" at Audubon Elementary and Camp Taylor Elementary schools this past April. More than 400 students were involved in the production and/or attended the performances. I am so glad to help this wonderful group foster the minds of Louisville's next great artists.

Be sure to attend the groups next professional production in the *Shakespeare in the Park* series, "Much Ado About Nothing," running July 12-29. For information on Kentucky Shakespeare visit kyshakespeare.com or call 574-9900.

Klondike Lane Drainage System

MSD made major improvements to the drainage system along Klondike Lane. A piping system, with catch basins and yard drains are now in place to help ensure public safety and environmental health. I am pleased I was able to facilitate this project as the new Councilman for the area.

Belmar Banners

New neighborhood banners are flying in Belmar thanks to a \$300 allocation from the Metro Council. I am happy to help maintain this great neighborhood's sense of pride.

Delor Avenue

Metro Public Works extended the sidewalk on Delor Avenue down the 2300 block to the Clarks Lane intersection. Residents can now enjoy greater curbside appeal and improved safety. We are planning further sidewalk improvements on Minoma Avenue and other areas.

Bench Advertising Ordinance

Bench billboards have cluttered our right-of-ways for too long. They are an eyesore and a traffic hazard. That is why I sponsored stringent legislation through the Metro Council this past spring that will cut down on the number of bench billboards in the city.

Notice has been sent to those in violation of the new ordinance. They must apply for a license and pay a permit fee for the chance to keep any benches in place. These licenses will be handled by Public Works and the applications will face the highest scrutiny. I look forward to reclaiming our right-of-ways again very soon.

No Kill Louisville: 28 Days of Spay



No Kill Louisville continues to work hard to save animals throughout the city. I, and numerous other Metro Council members, want to see their work continue, which is why we committed more than \$10,000 to the annual No Kill Louisville 29 Days of Spay to be held in February. Throughout the month, local vets will provide a limited number of free spay/neuter procedures in an effort to curb the spring puppy and kitten explosion.

This commitment will go a long way in maintaining a healthy animal population in the city and we are proud to be a part of such a great cause.

Email SpayNeuter@nokill-louisville.com or call (502) 230-3FIX(3349) for more information.

Nightingale Improvements



The first phase of improvements to the Nightingale apartment complex near Audubon Park are finished. New retaining walls are in place along with dumpster pads and corrals. The parking lot along the public right-of-way was also repaved and a new striping pattern for parking spots, designed to optimize space, was put into place. Special thanks to the Louisville Metro Public Works team for their hard work.

We are still working closely with the Housing Department to fund The Housing Partnership's purchase of all the units in an effort to upgrade the buildings. We look forward to another successful improvement project for Nightingale and nearby residents.

Paving the Way Creason/Sheridan

My effort to improve access to Creason Park is nearing completion. Sheridan Avenue, the rear access road to Creason Park, has been widened, repaved and received drainage improvements. The surrounding earthwork is back in place with seeding sowed as well. Speed humps are due to be installed in the coming month.

All of these improvements will improve conditions for walkers and cyclists who visit Creason Park, making it safer and more convenient for the residents of Oak Hill and Camp Taylor seeking to avoid zoo traffic. If you haven't been to Creason Park lately, I encourage you to take the whole family and enjoy a beautiful part of D-10.

Germantown Baseball Fields

The Germantown Baseball, Inc. little league has been a staple in the Poplar Level area since 1952. I am committed to maintaining its strength and making sure the facilities are first class for our children.

During the last year, using Neighborhood Development Funds, I funded the replacement of fences around four fields as well as the installation of paved walks and correction of drainage issues.

I am proud of Germantown's baseball tradition and all sports leagues within D-10. Thank you to all who do so much for our youth.

German/Paristown Rain Garden Finished

The German/Paristown Neighborhood Association's visionary green initiative is now a reality. I assisted with the funding and logistics and, thanks to MSD and Metro Public Works, German/Paristown residents are enjoying the benefits of an aesthetically pleasing and environmentally friendly rain garden designed to store and filter storm water.

The system is capable of processing 29,000 gallons of water and can divert nearly 1.5 million gallons of storm water from the combined sewer system in a given year. The design also provides traffic calming elements and ADA handicap accessibility.

The plan and project proved so successful that the EPA utilized it as a demonstration project. I could not be happier with the end result and want to commend the ingenious plan and work.



Recycling Cans

I have been keeping close tabs on the business recycling pilot program implemented in District 8 and 9. The D-8 program was started in January while D-9 has been running the program since January 2011. D-9 saw a 24 percent increase in the recycling tonnage over the course of the year.

My goal is to bring this program to District 10 in the near future. This effort lessens the amount of trash sent to local landfills and promotes efficient business practices. The environmental health of this district is, and always will be, a top priority. Look for expanded recycling coming soon.

Emerson Gardens Now Open

We are proud to announce the completion of Emerson Gardens. You will find new sidewalks, benches and a beautiful gazebo for your enjoyment. Neighborhood gatherings, family outings and musical events will be staples at this wonderful new venue for years to come. We encourage you to utilize the area for your summer events.

The Schnitzelburg community held a grand opening ceremony and street festival on June 10 to celebrate the new park. The day of fun included a health fair, food, music with local artists and children's activities.



Traffic Calming

With redistricting last year, I assumed responsibility for the rest of the Bashford Manor neighborhood. To help with speeding vehicles, I have allocated funds to add speed humps on Belmont Road and Moulton, Peabody and Palmer lanes.

I am also approving and allocating funds for speed humps on Illinois Avenue between Poplar Level Road and Audubon Ridge Drive.

The message takeaway is **"SLOW DOWN"** in our neighborhoods!

Preston Corridor Phase 2

The second phase of the Preston Corridor facelift will comprise improvements to the corridor along Preston, from Eastern Parkway to Hess Lane, consisting of replacing broken sidewalks and curbs, installation of landscaped areas, installation of street furniture and modifications to certain parking areas. It will also include the addition of porous surfaces, native plantings and filtration initiatives from MSD. Green management practices will be utilized such as rain gardens, French drains and other storm water capture instruments.

I have allocated \$290,000 in the capital budget for the project and work should begin by this fall.

German/Paristown Mural

A message from former Alderman Steve Magre

Thanks to the help of Council President King, the city has approved the placement of a new public arts piece that will soon be part of German/Paristown.

The "Frogtown" mural depicts shotgun houses and various community landmarks. Highlighted are the St. Therese church twin towers, the Bradford Mills building, the old Hope Mills building and its famous aged water tower. Funding for the project came from the neighborhood association. Artist Aron Conaway is the designer/painter.

The mural will be placed in front of the Bradford Mills facility on East Oak Street. It will be 30 feet wide and 24 feet tall and visible to pedestrians, bike riders and people in vehicles as they come up the hill before the Reutlinger Street intersection.

The message is simply, *"Welcome to German/Paristown!"* The target date for placement is the end of June.

- Steve Magre

German/Paristown Neighborhood Association

Camp Taylor

Camp Taylor Park now has a newly installed and painted fence. After some problems with vehicles entering the park through gaps in the fence, my office, the police and parks department joined forces to discourage this practice.



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Accountability

*I believe you have the right to know how I am spending your tax dollars.
Accordingly, below is an accounting of monies we have spent since my last newsletter.*

\$ 1,000	Aids Services Center Coalition, Inc.	2012 Aids Walk
\$ 500	Americana Community Center, Inc.	HVAC repairs and upgrade
\$ 300	Belmar Neighborhood Association, Inc.	Neighborhood banners
\$ 500	Boy Scouts, Inc.	Scouting Unlimited Program
\$ 600	Brightside	Water meter for German/Paristown Rain Garden
\$ 1,000	Exploited Children's Help Organization, Inc.	Programmatic and operating expenses
\$ 3,025	Germantown Mission, Inc.	Annual Shotgun Music Festival
\$ 2,000	Housing Partnership, Inc.	Nightingale properties infrastructure upgrades
\$ 150	Jefferson County Fire Protection Dist. Trustees	Remodeling / repair of child fire safety trailer
\$ 1,000	Kentucky Shakespeare Festival, Inc.	Programmatic and operating expenses
\$ 100	LMPD, 4th Division	Annual Block Watch Appreciation event
\$ 500	LMPD, 4th Division	Holiday celebration at Hazelwood Elementary School
\$ 200	Louisville Metro Codes & Regulations	Lou. Vacant, Abandoned & Underutilized Property Summit
\$ 250	Louisville Zoo	School at the Zoo
\$ 5,000	Louisville Zoo	Maintenance and repairs / new restrooms
\$ 300	Metro Housing Coalition	Responding to vacant properties
\$ 250	Metro Parks	Forest Fest Bluegrass Festival
\$ 250	Metro Parks	Doggie mitt containers in Emerson Gardens Park
\$ 500	Metro Parks	Movies Under the Stars - Iroquois Park
\$ 1,000	Metro Parks	Repair Buechel War Memorial
\$ 1,000	Metro Parks	Baseball / softball field Improvements
\$10,000	Metro Parks	Renovations - Germantown Baseball Fields
\$ 400	Metro Public Works	Right of way repairs in the Bashford Manor neighborhood
\$15,700	Metro Public Works	Nightingale properties improvement project
\$ 500	No Kill Louisville, Inc.	28 Days of Spay - Spay and neutering clinic
\$ 1,000	Project One, Inc.	After-School and Saturday job services
\$ 1,000	Stage One - Louisville Children's Theatre	Theater programming in schools



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District 10 Neighborhood Events

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| June 30 | Ministries United South Central Louisville (M.U.S.C.L.) Annual 5K Run/Walk , Audubon Park Neighborhood. Registration 8:15 am at Audubon Baptist Church. To sign up, email musclvc@insightbb.com . |
| July 21 | Jazz-N-The Park festival , Petersburg Estates. At the pavilion, 4611 Unseld Blvd. Bring chairs and an empty stomach. Local artists — The Louisville Connection band — music from late to mid 70s, 80s, blues, jazz and current jams. Free pony rides, ice cream, bouncy gym, 24' giant slide, bungee trampoline, balloon tether rides, corn hole tournament, DJ (starting at 3 pm), food vendors, commercial tent for senior citizens and young mothers. Resident's yard sale. 8 am. Festival closes at 8:30 pm. |
| July 30 | 42nd Annual Dainty Contest at Hauck's Handy Store. Goss & Hoertz in the Germantown-Schnitzelburg neighborhood. 5 pm |
| Sept. 8 | 11th Annual SACC yard sale . Corner of Texas and Burnett streets. 8 am. For information contact Susan Brunton at 759-7132. |
| Nov. 8 | 47th Annual Schnitzelburg #1 Citizen dinner . St. Elizabeth Church cafeteria, 1016 E. Burnett St. 6 pm |
| Dec. 9 | Decorating of Germantown/Schnitzelburg neighborhood Christmas Tree . 3 pm, corner of Texas and Burnett streets. |